

COUNTRY: Poland and Polish-occupied Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC: Polish Troops in Elbing

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1. The two barracks installations at the northeastern perimeter of Elbing (Q 55/Y 90), one on each side of the road leading toward Koenigsberg (R 55/Z 66), were occupied by Polish troops until October 1950. Soldiers wearing visor caps with a red band and 3 or 4 cm wide red stripes on their trousers, were observed at one barracks installation, especially on Sundays. [REDACTED] an officers' school equipped with tanks was said to be stationed in this installation. Several times source personally observed five or six tanks on the road to Koenigsberg. He remembered that a German signal battalion had once been quartered in the installation. The other barracks installation was allegedly occupied by Polish infantry. [REDACTED]. A German horse-drawn light artillery battalion was once stationed in the installation.

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2. Until the fall of 1950, source often observed 10 to 15 tanks near ul. Grunwaldzka, formerly Tannenberg Allee, coming from the direction of the former Hindenburg Kaserne on the north side of the former Hindenburg Strasse at the eastern perimeter of Elbing, which, according to local residents, was occupied by Polish troops. The crews of the tanks, which were said to be T-34s, wore dark-blue uniforms and some sort of crash-helmets. *

3. Another barracks installation, occupied by Polish troops of an undetermined branch of service, was situated north of Elbing, 200 to 300 meters east of 3 May Street, which leads to the Haff. Engineer equipment, including pontoons and bridge sections, was seen lying about 300 meters west of this road on the Elbe River. It was not known whether the equipment belonged to the troops stationed in the nearby barracks installation, which had once been occupied by a German engineer battalion.

4. [REDACTED] to October 1950, [REDACTED] The Polish UB (Security Police) office was located on the southeast side of Koenigsberger Strasse, southwest of the barracks installation on the same street. Local residents said that a new building for the UB was constructed on Hindenburg Strasse. The office of the Polish Militia was located on the same street.

* Comment. In August 1949, a political high school was said to be located in the former Hindenburg Kaserne. This high school may be the officers' school in the barracks installation southeast of Koenigsberger Strasse. However, since the

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information is conflicting, it is still undetermined where the tank unit and the officers' school were actually located.

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